COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH J & AC
GRANDSTAFF (5)

**THOMPSON** 

CHILCOTT

DRISCOLL K

Date......July 24, 2007

Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

The Board met for various administrative matters as follows: (Commissioner Rokosch was not present for these administrative discussions or votes).

The Board discussed the recent request of Sheriff Hoffman for three more personal credit cards for his Officers. Due to their need for travel it was agreed to have First Interstate Bank issue cards for Detective Potter, Detective Johnson and Lt. Birkeneder. Glenda will make that request.

The Board discussed the open spot on the Middle East Fork Stewardship Monitoring Committee. Commissioner Howard Lyons was on this committee as the representative from that Commissioner District and now Commissioner Grandstaff represents District 5. Commissioner Grandstaff stated she would be happy to sit on this committee if the other Board Members approved. Commissioner Chilcott asked Commissioner Grandstaff what her thoughts were on this particular project. Commissioner Grandstaff stated from what she has read and understands of this project it might not be a good project because the Forest Service did not follow their fire scientist recommendations. She understood they recommended tree thinning at the homes, but they went out and logged for miles. She stated she would have to research that issue thoroughly if she was placed on the committee.

Commissioner Chilcott stated this project was part of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and the Commissioners voted to join in on the intervener status because of public health and safety issues due to the urban interface (numerous residential housing in the area). Areas of their concern were the unhealthy trees due to the Bark Beetle infestation, plus the one road in and road out for the residents in that area.

Commissioner Thompson stated there are numerous Veterans that live in the area at the Springer Memorial, and this project was a bi-partisan effort. He stated while he does not always agree with County Attorney George Corn on issues, they both agreed as did others, this was a good project and the county needed to join in on the intervener litigation. He stated the Friends of the Bitterroot only wanted the 'immediate area' cleaned up, while the need was to take a good look at the area that affected the residents.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated she appreciated those issues and public health and safety are important to her as well. She stated she is skeptical of the Forest Service actions, not necessarily the personnel, as they have some highly educated and hard working employees. But rather, over the years, the Forest Service has not yielded a healthy forest. She stated the Bark Beetle infestation is due to a climate change. And while she might not have agreed with the intervener status the County took in this project, 'it is what it is' and she would have no problem representing the wishes of the Board.

Commissioner Chilcott stated he wants to make sure the person on the Committee represents the Commissioners supporting this project. Commissioner Grandstaff stated she understands that and while she might have some personal feelings on the project she understands the project is underway and she would represent the Board in that regard. She also stated it would be good to have someone on this committee who has had dialogue with 'the other side' as it is important for the project.

Commissioner Thompson stated he felt it would be good to have Commissioner Grandstaff participate in this committee as the project is already underway and Commissioner Grandstaff would simply be making sure the Forest Service followed the plan.

Commissioner Grandstaff stated the Forest Service has been caught many times in a political battle that has kept them from actually doing the work they should be doing.

The Board concurred that Commissioner Grandstaff should serve on this committee.

The Board also addressed the recent letter of resignation from Sandra Anderson from the Lone Rock Park Board, and the letter from Lone Rock Park Board Chairman Gary Leese that stated due to the new election laws, Carol Ross and Elizabeth Ballard did not get their information back before the election deadline. Both Carol and Elizabeth are seeking another four-year term and Maura Murray has expressed a desire to fill the position held by Sandra Anderson. The Park Board asked the Commissioners to appoint Ms. Ross, Ballard and Murray to fill the remainder of those open positions. Commissioner Grandstaff made a motion to appoint Ross, Ballard and Murray to the open positions on the Lone Rock Park Board. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt the March 2007 minutes as corrected. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion and Commissioners Chilcott, Thompson and Driscoll voted "aye" while Commissioner Grandstaff abstained. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Task Order 08-07-5-11-006-0 from the Department of Health and Human Services. Glenda noted this Contract is for Women's and Men's Health services. She had Public Health Nurse Judy Griffin review the contract and Judy indicated the Commissioners need to sign this contract for services their office provides. Commissioner Driscoll made a motion to approve of this task order as presented this date. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board reviewed the contract with Montana Department of Environmental Quality for particulate air-monitoring; Contract No. 208002. Glenda noted she had Environmental Health Director Lea Jordan review the contact and Lea indicated the Commissioners need to sign this contract for this program. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to approve this contract with Montana DEQ. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The Board reviewed the Request for Reimbursement No. 3 from the FAA for the Airport Snow Removal Equipment Project from Engineers Morrison Maierle, Inc. This will be the close out request for reimbursement on this project. Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve this Request for Reimbursement. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

The newly elected commissioners attended an orientation with MACo Personnel for the remainder of the day.